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**Sent:** Thur 4/14/2016 3:35:29 PM  
**Subject:** FW: First Draft of NWIFC Letter  
NWIFC Letter JB 4-14.docx

Better to pull you in sooner than later.

I'm not comfortable with this coming from GIAU given we have not been engaged til now.  
Haven't read the draft yet.

Paula

**From:** Brendle, Joanne  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 14, 2016 8:32 AM  
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**Subject:** First Draft of NWIFC Letter  
**Importance:** High

Paula...Peter feels it would be best to have the letter come from GIAU.

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Are you checking email? Texts?

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Joanne and Yvette,

See below my draft email and also one that was written by Dan. They are similar. Have a shot at creating what you think it should be. Upon further thought last night and this morning I recommend that this does come from GIAU as I think it provides more weight on the administrative issues – but I defer to your judgement on that.

I am available if you want to talk this through until 8am when I start my meetings. After that I can find time to step out as needed if you call Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

Thank you,

Peter

Fran and Dietrich,

I am following up on previous conversations that Lisa Chang had with Dietrich and I had with you Fran in the past two weeks where we relayed to you our concern that some of the work of the Swinomish sub award related to the whatsappstream public education project was not following EPA's grants policies and terms and conditions of the cooperative agreement. Specifically we became aware that the advertising including the billboards, transit bus billboards, KUOW spots and social media ads have not included the appropriate disclaimers.

We both asked the Commission to do a thorough review the entire Swinomish sub-award to ensure that the activities and products were appropriate under the intent of the cooperative agreement and that the work of the sub-award followed EPAs grants policies and regulations and the terms and conditions of the cooperative agreement.

We request a meeting with you no later than Wednesday April 27th where you can present your review and assessment of the sub-award.

In the interim we also request that all advertising stop and no payments/draw downs be made for costs related to advertising (billboards, KUOW audio ads, social media ads or any other

advertising costs associated with this sub-award) until we have had the chance to discuss the results of your review and assessment.

Thank you,

Dear XXXX:

I am writing to confirm that EPA expects the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission, having been awarded cooperative agreement XXXXX and subsequently made a subaward XXXXX to the Swinomish Tribe, conduct and document a thorough review of the Swinomish Tribe's compliance with EPA's grants policies and terms and conditions in their activities under the subaward. As you are well aware, a number of parties have raised questions as to the legality and appropriateness of the activities under the subaward. EPA is taking these concerns very seriously and is committed to following up as expeditiously as possible based upon a review of the facts. A thorough analysis by the NWIFC in your grantor role is an important element in verifying the allowability of costs or conversely identifying activities for which drawdowns are not appropriate or reimbursement should be required.

I ask that you work with you staff to complete your review by no later than Wednesday, April 27, 2016. I have instructed my staff to schedule a meeting with appropriate NWIFC staff to go over your review in detail as soon after April 27 as is practicable.

In the meantime, I request that there be no further drawdowns of funds under the cooperative agreement until you have completed your review and we have had the chance to discuss the results.

Sincerely,

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